

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. But when  
large companies  
control the  
airwaves, we get  
more of what's good  
for corporate  
interests and less  
of what we need to  
keep the public  
informed in order to  
have a democracy.

The public has the  
right to be informed  
of the truth. All  
sides of an issue  
must be presented.  
We do not need more  
propaganda for one  
side.

In addition, media  
corporation need to  
have local  
programming. We are  
not all the same and  
we should be  
connected to our  
local communities  
above all.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.